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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-72 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-72 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-21, drawn to beauty product selection method, classified in class 705, subclass 16.
- II. Claims 22-35, drawn to method of simulating beauty product application, classified in class 345, subclass 19.
- III. Claims 36-54, drawn to beauty product selection system, classified in class 600, subclass 407.
- IV. Claims 55-67, drawn to system for simulating beauty product application, classified in class 345, subclass 19.
- V. Claims 68-71, drawn to beauty product selection method, classified in class 705, subclass 27.
- VI. Claims 72, drawn to beauty product selection method, classified in class 705, subclass 27.

Group I (including Inventions I, II, V, VI, directed to methods) and Group II (including Inventions III, IV, directed to systems) are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. (MPEP § 806.05(e)).

In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because **Group II** requires the use of computers, while **Group I** can be performed manually.

Because these inventions are distinct for these reasons and the search required for **Group I** is not required for **Group II**, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Within Group I (including Inventions I, II, V, VI)

Inventions I and II are related as combination and subcombination.

Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)).

In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because **Invention I** requires

simulating the at least one selected beauty product on the facial image;
simulating the at least one recommended beauty product on the facial image.

The subcombination has separate utility such as

identifying a recommended beauty product complementary to the at least one selected product;

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions I and V are related as combination and subcombination.

Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)).

In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because **Invention I** requires

accessing a facial image;

The subcombination has separate utility such as

receiving personal information from a user;

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions I and VI are related as combination and subcombination.

Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)).

In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because **Invention I** requires

receiving from the user a selection of at least one beauty product for simulated application to the facial image;

The subcombination has separate utility such as

receiving subject-specific information;

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions II and V are related as combination and subcombination.

Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)).

In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because **Invention II** requires

displaying for a user a facial image on a display;

The subcombination has separate utility such as

receiving personal information from a user;

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions II and VI are related as combination and subcombination.

Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)).

In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because **Invention II** requires

receiving from the user a selection of at least one beauty product;

The subcombination has separate utility such as

receiving subject-specific information;

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions V and VI are related as combination and subcombination.

Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)).

In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because **Invention V** requires

receiving personal information from a user;

The subcombination has separate utility such as

using the subject-specific information to identify at least one beauty product for simulated application to the facial image;

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Within Group II (including Inventions III, IV)

Inventions III and IV are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

In the instant case, invention IV has separate utility such as

a notifier for notifying the user of the complementary beauty product;
an interface providing the user with the option to trigger a simulated application on the facial image of at least one of the selected beauty product and the complementary beauty product;

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

If applicant chooses ***Invention I*** the applicant must select one of the following species:

I.a	1, 2, 18, 19, 20	I.h	1, 10, 11
I.b	1, 2, 4	I.i	1, 10, 12
I.c	1, 2, 6	I.j	1, 13, 14
I.d	1, 3	I.k	1, 15, 16
I.e	1, 5	I.l	1, 17
I.f	1, 7, 8	I.m	1, 21
I.g	1, 7, 9		

If applicant chooses ***Invention II*** the applicant must select one of the following species:

II.a	22, 23, 24	II.e	22, 29, 30
II.b	22, 25, 26	II.f	22, 31
II.c	22, 25, 27	II.g	22, 32
II.d	22, 28		

If applicant chooses ***Invention III*** the applicant must select one of the following species:

III.a	36, 37, 38, 39, 40	III.e	36, 41, 46
III.b	36, 41, 42	III.f	36, 41, 48
III.c	36, 41, 43	III.g	36, 41, 50
III.d	36, 41, 45	III.h	36, 51

III.i 36, 51, 53, 54

If applicant chooses ***Invention IV*** the applicant must select one of the following species:

IV.a 55, 56, 57
IV.b 55, 58, 59
IV.c 55, 58, 60
IV.d 55, 61

IV.e 55, 62, 63
IV.f 55, 64
IV.g 55, 65, 66
IV.h 55, 65, 67

If applicant chooses ***Invention V*** the applicant must select one of the following species:

V.a 68, 69, 70

V.b 68, 71

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

A reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record

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showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

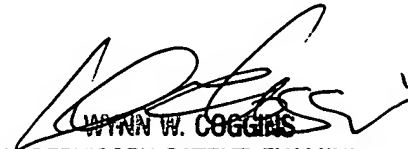
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James H Zurita whose telephone number is 703-605-4966. The examiner can normally be reached on 8a-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wynn Coggins can be reached on 703-308-1344. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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